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SUBJECT: Functions and Responsibilities of the Armed Forces Group

The Armed Forces Group has been established to afford consultation and advice to the other Groups and Regional Branches on foreign Army, Navy and Air intelligence, and, as conditions warrant or as directed, to produce, in conjunction with the appropriate Groups and Branches, intelligence studies and estimates on Armed Forces matters.

In order to perform these functions, each officer of the Armed Forces Group will familiarize himself with the foreign Army, Navy and Air establishments of his corresponding service. It is obvious that a small group of this nature cannot and should not attempt to keep readily available the mass of minute detail which the intelligence agencies of the Army, Navy and Air Departments may be expected to have on file. The Armed Forces Group should, however, have available for ready reference the essential broad intelligence concerning foreign armed forces, which, when supplemented by material in the possession of ORE, the Reference Center and the Army, Navy and Air departmental intelligence agencies, will permit expeditious treatment of any required study in this field.

The responsibility for the production of regional military intelligence remains in the Regional Branches. The Armed Forces Group will call upon the Regional Branches for such assistance as is required in building up its reference material, and is responsible for insuring that the Regional Branches maintain a standard and adequate consideration of military intelligence for their respective regions. The Regional Branches in turn will refer their own estimates and reports which include military intelligence to the Armed Forces Group for overall comment and advice, and will refer incoming reports on broad military subjects to the Armed Forces Group for information and evaluation. Whereas the Regional Branches should consult the Armed Forces Group for advice regarding the general aspects of military intelligence, it must be remembered that the Armed Forces Group should not be considered as regional military experts. The Regional Branches will, therefore, obtain any required details of regional military intelligence direct from the appropriate Army, Navy or Air intelligence agency. The consultative services and

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advice of the Armed Forces Group is, of course, always available to the Regional Branches and other Groups to assist them in obtaining the desired detailed regional military intelligence from the appropriate departmental intelligence agency.

The Armed Forces Group will continuously study foreign armed forces trends and developments and determine their effect on our national security. In order that the Armed Forces Group may operate effectively, close liaison will be maintained between it and the Regional Branches and other Groups concerning matters related directly or indirectly to military intelligence. The Regional Branches in particular must be especially alert to take steps to insure that the Armed Forces Group is kept currently informed of foreign military developments in critical areas.

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